

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amendments in the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical table configured for attachment to an X-ray machine, wherein said X-ray machine has an image intensifier which receives X-rays in a direction approximately transverse to a mounting surface, comprising:
  - a. a main plate, having an upper surface and a lower surface, made from a material which allows X-rays to pass therethrough with minimal absorption or distortion;
  - b. an attachment means, affixed to said main plate and configured to attach said main plate to said image intensifier in an orientation wherein said lower surface is proximate to and parallel to said mounting surface and said upper surface is available for use as a surgical site; and
  - c. wherein said attachment means are adjustable in order to allow the attachment of said surgical table to a variety of said X-ray machines-, wherein said attachment means includes
    - i. a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;
    - ii. a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;
    - iii. a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate; and
    - iv. a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired

position, whereby said image intensifier can be clamped between said first and second sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said image intensifier.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A surgical table as recited in claim 1, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

- ~~a.~~ a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;
- ~~b.~~ a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;
- ~~c.~~ a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;
- ~~d.~~ a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired position;
- ~~a.~~ e. a third slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate; and
- ~~b.~~ f. a third locking means for locking said third slider in a desired position, whereby

said image intensifier can be clamped between said first, second, and third sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said image intensifier.

5. (Currently Amended) A surgical table as recited in claim 1, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

~~a.~~ a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;

~~b.~~ a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;

~~c.~~ a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;

~~d.~~ a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired position;

~~a.~~ ~~e.~~ a third slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;

~~b.~~ ~~f.~~ a third locking means for locking said third slider in a desired position,

~~c.~~ ~~g.~~ a fourth slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate; and

~~d.~~ ~~h.~~ a fourth locking means, whereby said image intensifier can be clamped between said first, second, third, and fourth sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said image intensifier.

6. (Original) A surgical table as recited in claim 4, wherein:

- a. said first slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- b. said second slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto; and
- c. said third slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto.

7. (Previously Presented) A surgical table as recited in claim 5, wherein:

- a. said first slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- b. said second slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- c. said third slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto; and
- d. said fourth slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A surgical table as recited in claim 1,~~ A surgical table configured for attachment to an X-ray machine, wherein said X-ray machine has an image intensifier which receives X-rays in a direction approximately transverse to a mounting surface, comprising:

- a. a main plate, having an upper surface and a lower surface, made from a material which allows X-rays to pass therethrough with minimal absorption or distortion;
- b. an attachment means, affixed to said main plate and configured to attach said main plate to said image intensifier in an orientation wherein said lower surface is

proximate to and parallel to said mounting surface and said upper surface is available for use as a surgical site; and

- c. wherein said attachment means comprises a first spring clip descending from said main plate, a second spring clip descending from said main plate, and a third spring clip descending from said main plate, wherein said first, second, and third spring clips are configured to bear against said image intensifier, thereby attaching said surgical table to said image intensifier.

9. (Currently Amended) A surgical table configured for attachment to an X-ray machine, wherein said X-ray machine has an emitter which transmits X-rays in a direction approximately transverse to a mounting surface, comprising:

- a. a main plate, having an upper surface and a lower surface, made from a material which allows X-rays to pass therethrough with minimal absorption or distortion;
- b. attachment means, affixed to said main plate and configured to attach said main plate to said emitter in an orientation wherein said lower surface is proximate to and parallel to said mounting surface and said upper surface is available for use as a surgical site; and
- ~~c. a surgical table as recited in claim 9 wherein said attachment means are adjustable in order to allow the attachment of said surgical table to a variety of X-ray machines.~~
- c. wherein said attachment means includes
- i. a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said

- main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;
- ii. a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;
  - iii. a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate; and
  - iv. a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired position, whereby said image intensifier can be clamped between said first and second sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said emitter.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A surgical table as recited in claim 9, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

- ~~a. a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;~~
- ~~b. a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;~~
- ~~c. a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;~~
- ~~d. a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired position;~~

- a. ~~e.~~ a third slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate; and
- b. ~~f.~~ a third locking means for locking said third slider in a desired position, whereby said image intensifier can be clamped between said first, second, and third sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said emitter.

13. (Currently Amended) A surgical table as recited in claim 9, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

- a. ~~a first slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;~~
- b. ~~a first locking means for locking said first slider in a desired position;~~
- c. ~~a second slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;~~
- d. ~~a second locking means for locking said second slider in a desired position;~~
- a. ~~e.~~ a third slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position proximate the center of said main plate;
- b. ~~f.~~ a third locking means for locking said third slider in a desired position;
- c. ~~g.~~ a fourth slider, slidably movable along said lower surface of said main plate from a first position proximate an edge of said main plate to a second position

proximate the center of said main plate; and

- d. ~~h.~~ a fourth locking means, whereby said image intensifier can be clamped between said first, second, third, and fourth sliders, thereby attaching said surgical table to said emitter.

14. (Original) A surgical table as recited in claim 12, wherein:

- a. said first slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- b. said second slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto; and
- c. said third slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto.

15. (Previously Presented) A surgical table as recited in claim 14, wherein:

- a. said first slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- b. said second slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto;
- c. said third slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto; and
- d. said fourth slider has a swivel jaw descending from and rotatably attached thereto.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A surgical table as recited in claim 9,~~ A surgical table configured for attachment to an X-ray machine, wherein said X-ray machine has an emitter which transmits X-rays in a direction approximately transverse to a mounting surface, comprising:



- a. a main plate, having an upper surface and a lower surface, made from a material which allows X-rays to pass therethrough with minimal absorption or distortion;
- b. attachment means, affixed to said main plate and configured to attach said main plate to said emitter in an orientation wherein said lower surface is proximate to and parallel to said mounting surface and said upper surface is available for use as a surgical site; and
- c. wherein said attachment means comprises a first spring clip descending from said main plate, a second spring clip descending from said main plate, and a third spring clip descending from said main plate, wherein said first, second, and third spring clips are configured to bear against said image intensifier, thereby attaching said surgical table to said image intensifier.

17. (Canceled)